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TRIP

1. SUMMARY. MOROCCAN PRESS ON BOTH PRO-GOVERNMENT AND  
OPPOSITION SIDES CRITICAL OF CARTER TRIP, CITE  
"INDECISION, INDIFFERENCE, MISPLACED PRIORITIES." NONE-  
THELESS, FACT THAT COMMENT CONTINUES ALMOST A WEEK AFTER  
PRESIDENT'S RETURN INDICATES IMPORTANCE OF GESTURE IN  
MOROCCAN EYES. END SUMMARY.  
2. MOROCCAN PRESS ON BOTH GOVERNMENT AND OPPOSITION SIDES  
CONTINUE TO COMMENT PRESIDENT CARTER'S LATING AMERICA AND AFRICA  
TRIP NEARLY A WEEK AFTER PRESIDENT'S RETURN TO WASHINGTON.  
ALL COMMENTATORS EXPRESS DISAPPOINTMENT OVER WHAT THEY  
PERCEIVE AS "INDECISIVENESS" AND "AN AVOIDANCE OF THE REAL  
ISSUES" ON PRESIDENT'S PART. SEMI-OFFICIAL FRENCH  
LANGUAGE DAILY AL MAGHRIB COMMENTED ON APRIL 7,  
THAT THE CARTER TRIP TOOK PLACE "IN AN ATMOSPHERE OF  
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INDIFFERENCE ON THE PART OF THE PEOPLE AND SEVERE  
CRITICISM FROM THE MEDIA." PAPER CITES SHIFTING  
AMERICAN POSITION ON RHODESIAN INTERNAL SOLUTION AS  
EXAMPLE OF "INDECISION." SAME PAPER APRIL 6 GAVE  
FRONT PAGE PLAY TO REPRINT OF ARTICLE BY BARRY SCHWEID  
WHICH HEADLINES "UPS AND DOWNS MAKE (CARTER'S) POLICY  
INCOMPREHENSIBLE." AGAIN ON APRIL 11, AL MAGHRIB

TAKES PRESIDENT TO TASK IN ARTICLE ENTITLED "CARTER'S AMERICA AND THE O.A.U." SAYING THAT WHILE NO ONE DOUBTS THE PRESIDENT'S SINCERITY ON HUMAN RIGHTS OR HIS WARNING TO PRETORIA, HIS FAILURE TO TAKE THE TIME TO CALL ON O.A.U. PRESIDENT BONGO "SHOWS THE LIMITATIONS OF HIS AFRICA POLICY." ARTICLE CRITICIZES U.S. NEGLECT OF OTHER AFRICAN STATES AT EXPENSE OF NIGERIA, " THE FAVORITE AND PRIVILEGED PARTNER OF THE U.S." THE U.S., HE CONCLUDES, IS "PULLING BACK FROM ITS POLITICAL RESPONSIBILITIES IN AFRICA AND IGNORING THE FORUM THE AFRICANS THEMSELVES HAVE CHOSEN, NAMELY THE O.A.U."

3. AL MITHAQ AL WATANI, ARABIC DAILY WHICH FOLLOWS SAME POLITICAL LINE AS AL MAGHRIB, DEVOTED LENGTHY EDITORIAL TO CARTER EFFORT APRIL 11. ARTICLE STATES THAT THERE WAS NO MEETING OF MINDS IN EITHER LATIN AMERICA OR AFRICA. CARACAS AND BRASILIA EXPECTED CONCESSIONS TO THE THIRD WORLD VIEW ON ECONOMIC ISSUES, AND PRESIDENT DISAPPOINTED THEM IN HIS CALL FOR A FREEZE ON OIL PRICES AND NUCLEAR NON-PROLIFERATION. IN AFRICA, HIS HOSTS EXPECTED GREATER ATTENTION TO POLITICAL ISSUES, WHILE PRESIDENT WANTED TO TALK ECONOMIC ISSUES, AND OIL PRICES IN PARTICULAR. AS A RESULT, WRITER SAYS, "CARTER'S TRIP DID NOT SATISFY EITHER THE INDUSTRIAL NATIONS OR THE THIRD WORLD."

4. PRESS OF LEFT ATTACKS CARTER POLICIES EVEN MORE VIGOROUSLY. SOCIALIST AL MUHARRIR IN COMPENDIUM OF UNCLASSIFIED

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FOREIGN COMMENT ON APRIL 6 PICKS UP NEWSWEEK ALLEGATION THAT CARTER VISIT TO BRAZIL WAS "IMPOSED" AGAINST BRAZILIAN WISHES, AND OBSERVES THAT AMERICAN FOREIGN POLICY IS GOING THROUGH A "DIFFICULT" STAGE. COMMUNIST AL BAYANE ASKS ON APRIL 8, " IS THERE A NEW AMERICAN POLICY TOWARD AFRICA?" AND PREDICTABLY ANSWERS WITH A RESOUNDING "NO." " AS IN THE PAST," PARTY HEAD WRITES, "THE U.S. SEEKS TO CONTINUE ITS EXPLOITATION OF AFRICA'S RICHES, BOTH MATERIAL AND HUMAN ... ITS POLICY SEEMS LIBERAL. BUT IS STILL BASICALLY ANTI-PROGRESSIVE, ECONOMICALLY AS WELL AS IDEOLOGICALLY... (AFRICAN) CANNOT ACHIEVE FULL EMANCIPATION IF IT SUBMITS TO A NEW NEO-COLONIAL DOMINATION." ANDERSON

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